

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 17-18.

Please add the following claims 52-61 as follows:

52. (New) A method of adding an instrument to a vehicle that includes a speedometer, comprising the steps of:

removing an original vehicle part from a mounting space of the vehicle, wherein the original vehicle part has a viewing opening through which a driver of the vehicle may view the speedometer when the original vehicle part is located in the mounting space of the vehicle, and wherein the original vehicle part possesses no instrument mounts;

installing a replacement vehicle part in the mounting space after the removing step, wherein the replacement vehicle part has at least one instrument mount; and

locating the instrument in the at least one instrument mount.

53. (New) The method of claim 52, wherein:

the vehicle further includes a dashboard having a dashboard opening through which the driver of the vehicle may view the speedometer,

the original vehicle part is configured to substantially conform to the dashboard opening, and

the replacement vehicle part is also configured to substantially conform to the dashboard opening.

54. (New) The method of claim 53, wherein:

the dashboard includes a rim which defines the dashboard opening, and

the installing step includes the step of securing the replacement vehicle part adjacent to the rim.

55. (New) The method of claim 52, wherein the locating step occurs after the installing step.

56. (New) The method of claim 52, wherein the locating step occurs before the installing step.

57. (New) The method of claim 52, wherein:

the vehicle includes an instrument cluster assembly having a housing and a window,
the instrument cluster assembly includes the speedometer,
the speedometer is located on a backside of the window whereby the driver of the vehicle may view the speedometer through the window, and
the at least one instrument mount is located on a front side of the window after the replacement vehicle part is installed in the vehicle in the installing step.

58. (New) A method of modifying a vehicle that includes a speedometer,

comprising the steps of:

removing an original vehicle part from a mounting space of the vehicle, wherein (i) the original vehicle part has a first viewing opening through which a driver of the vehicle may view the speedometer when the original vehicle part is located in the mounting space of the vehicle, and (ii) the original vehicle part possesses no instrument mounts; and
installing a replacement vehicle part in the mounting space after the removing step, wherein (i) the replacement vehicle part has a second viewing opening through which the driver of the vehicle may view the speedometer when the replacement vehicle part is located in the mounting space of the vehicle, and (ii) the original vehicle part possesses at least one instrument mount.

59. (New) The method of claim 58, wherein:

the vehicle further includes a dashboard having a dashboard opening through which the driver of the vehicle may view the speedometer, the original vehicle part is configured to substantially conform to the dashboard opening, and the replacement vehicle part is also configured to substantially conform to the dashboard opening.

60. (New) The method of claim 59, wherein:

the dashboard includes a rim which defines the dashboard opening, and the installing step includes the step of securing the replacement vehicle part adjacent to the rim.

61. (New) The method of claim 58, wherein:

the vehicle includes an instrument cluster assembly having a window, the instrument cluster assembly includes the speedometer, the speedometer is located on a backside of the window whereby the driver of the vehicle may view the speedometer through the window, and the at least one instrument mount is located on a front side of the window after the replacement vehicle part is installed in the vehicle in the installing step.